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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

- ☐ This report is based on a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
 - ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
 - ☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

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- ☒ the international application as originally filed/furnished
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- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
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- ☐ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-10</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The invention

The invention concerns a device for mixing and delivering high viscosity pastes, like bone cement. The device includes a cylinder, a piston reciprocable in the cylinder, a piston rod displaceable and rotatable in the piston and forming mixing means for paste received in the cylinder. There are also latch means for interconnecting the piston and the piston rod to allow displacement of the piston in the cylinder for deposition of paste outside the cylinder.

Devices for application of bone cement known to date have drawbacks. For instance, it is not possible to use the device for high viscosity bone cement, the mixing cannot be performed under vacuum and the mixing quality is poor.

These deficiencies are overcome in that the latch means are provided by jamming. The means allow the piston rod to be locked to the piston at any position along the piston rod.

Cited document

This document is cited in the International Search Report. The citation is considered to describe the most relevant prior art:

D1) WO 01/83094 A1

A bone cement mixing and injection device is already known from D1. The device comprises a cylinder (2), a piston (20) and a shaft (8). There is also an agitator (16)

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Supplemental Box

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which is mounded on the shaft, which follows any rotary or axial movement of the shaft. The piston can be coupled to the shaft by a bayonet-type mechanism (fig. 1 & p 6, lines 7-10 and p 7, lines 12-22). Pushing a handle (52, will cause the piston to translate toward a first end wall pushing the cement out to a deliverly port and nozzle (p 11, lines 13-17).

Analysis

D1 is cited in the International Search Report as a document of particular relevance and is now considered to show the closest background art. The reason for this review is that claim 1 specifies that the piston rod can be locked to the piston at any position along the piston rod.

These features are not revealed in D1. Consequently, D1 does not anticipate the technique of claim 1.

The device for mixing and applying a paste like bone cement according to claim 1 is considered to give rise to an unexpected technical effect, i.e. the possibility to use the device for high viscosity bone cement. Thus, this claim is not considered to describe a technique that is obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Conclusion

In accordance with the arguments stated above, the invention in claims 1-10 is novel, considered to involve an inventive step and has industrial applicability.